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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1168

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, CY, TU, US
SUBJECT: NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE ISSUE

1. SUMMARY: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS
ASSOCIATION (IFATCA) HELD 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NICOSIA
APR 25-29, 1977. CONFERENCE DELIVERATIONS WERE PRIMARILY TECH-
NICAL: HOWEVER, POLITICAL ISSUE OF ERCAN OPERATIONS DID SURFACE.
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CONFERENCE FINAL STATEMENT CONDEMNED ERCAN ACTIVITIES AND
CALLED UPON ICAO, IATA AND IFALPA TO IGNORE ERCAN ADVISORY
AIRSPACE CONTROL. EM AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION CALLED UPON
RESPECTIVE NATIONAL ATTENDEES FOR TECHNICAL ADVICE ON POSSIBLE
SOLUTIONS FOR ERCAN ISSUE. EMBASSY CONSIDERS POLITICAL STATE-
MENTS UNHELPFUL FOR SOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. IFATCA CONVOKED ITS 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IN NICOSIA APR 25-29, 1977. 40 OF THE 45 MEMBER
ASSOCIATIONS ATTENDED. TURKEY, WHICH SENT NO DELEGATION,
IS VENUE FOR 1979 ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

3. CONFERENCE WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
ON EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION. THREE
SEPARATE STUDY GROUPS COVERED EACH OF THESE AREAS IN DETAIL.
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THESE TECHNICAL GROUPS NOT
RPT NOT YET KNOWN.

4. CONFERENCE WAS NOT RPT NOT ENTIRELY FREE OF POLITICS CONCERN-
ING TFSC OPERATION OF ERCAN AIRSPACE ADVISORY SERVICE. IN
OPENING REMARKS ON APRIL 25 VARIOUS GOC SPEAKERS BROACHED
SUBJECT. A FINAL STATEMENT ISSUED BY IFATCA ON APRIL 28
CONDEMNED ERCAN OPERATION AS "ILLEGAL AND LIABLE TO CREATE
HAZARDOUS EFFECTS TO AIR TRAFFIC IN THE EASTERN MEDITER-
RANEAN" AND FURTHER CALLED ON ICAO, IATA AND INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION (IFALPA) TO DIS-
REGARD IT. MORE SPECIFICALLY IT CALLS ON ICAO TO ENSURE
IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF ALL DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL OPERATIONS
IN NICOSIA FIR AND UPON IATA AND IFALPA TO IGNORE ERCAN
TOTALLY. FINALLY, IT RECOMMENDS TEXT BE CIRCULATED TO ALL
AUTHORITIES IN REGION.

5. EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH MR. PAUL PETERSEN, FAA
BRUSSELS REP ATTENDING CONFERENCE TO GET
EXPERT ADVICE ON POSSIBLE TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS TO
ERCAN PROBLEM. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION WAS ASKED TO CONTACT
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THERIR DELEGATION HEAD WITH SAME OBJECTIVE. RESULTS
WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

6. COMMENTS: EMBASSY CONSIDERS CONFERENCE POLITICAL
UTTERANCES UNHELPFUL. TURKEY BOYCOTTED CONFERENCE. ANTI-
TURKEY/TFSC STATEMENTS WILL BE SEEN BY TURKS AS HAVING BEEN
DICTATED BY GOC. SEEDS MAY HAVE BEEN SOWN FOR POSSIBLE TURKISH
WITHDRAWAL FROM IFATCA AND CHANGE OF VENUE FOR 1979 CONFERENCE.
TURKISH/TFSC REACTIONS TO CONFERENCE/AIRSPACE ADVISORY ISSUE
WILL BE REPORTED SUBSEQUENTLY.
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